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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR RESEARCH REACTOR, PERU

REF: (A) LIMA 4713; (B) STATE 122040; (C) STATE 55841

1. COMMERCE APPRECIATES REFTEL INFORMATION AND COMMENTS ON STATUS OF PERUVIAN NUCLEAR RESEARCH PROGRAM. GENERAL ATOMIC SHARES EMBASSY'S PESSIMISM ON THE POSSIBILITY OF GOP PURCHASING THE TRIGA RESEARCH MEACTOR IN LIGHT OF THE STRONG SHOWI;G BY THE FRENCH. GENERAL ATOMIC HAS NOT GIVEN UP, HOWEVER, AND IS WOR;ING WITH THE SHELL OIL GENERAL MANAGER IN PERU TO COMPETE AGAINST THE FRENCH.

2. AS SUGGESTED BY REFTEL, WE CONTACTED EXIMBANK AND
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REVIEWED INFORMATION FROM EMBASSY LIMA AND GENERAL ATOMIC.

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BECAUSE THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THE TRIGA REACTOR IS IN THE ORDER OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS, EXIMBANK COMMENTED THAT THIS TYPE OF EXPORT ITEM WOULD NORMALLY COME UNDER T;E BANK'S GUARANTEE PROGRAM. IN ORDER TO ASSESS OUR COMPETITIVE POSITION, CAN EMBASSY FIND OUT TYPE OF FINANCING AND THE TERMS OF THE FRENCH FINANCING.

3. REGARDING EMBASSY QUESTION ON A ERDA TECHNICAL TRAINING

PROGRAM FOR RESEARCH REACTORS, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED BY ERDA THAT THEY NO LONGER PROVIDE T;IS TYPE OF TRAINING. ON THIS SUBJECT, GENERAL ATOMIC SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING TRAINING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT

IRVINE. YOU WILL RECALL MR. W. LLAMOSA VISITED THE TRIGA FACILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY EARLIER THIS YEAR AND IT WAS REPORTED HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE FACILITY AND THE STAFF AT UCI. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY DISCUSS THIS SUGGESTION WITH OFFICIALS OF PERUVIAN NUCLEAR ENERGY INSTITUTE. SISCO

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